

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2000, the Applicants elect as follows:

(1) As to the herbicides, isoxaflutole as in the examples, is elected as a species.

(2) As to the repellent adjuvant, the silanes, particularly N-(2-aminoethyl)-3-aminopropyltrimethyl silane and methyl trimethoxysilane (AFS-MTMS) of the examples, is elected as a species.

(3) As to the safeners, benoxacor (4-dichloroacetyl)-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine) of the examples is elected (page 23 in the specification).

(4) Claims reading on elected species are Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 40, 41, 42, 53, 54, 55, 56, 71, 76, 77, 83, 84, 88, 89, 90, and 109.

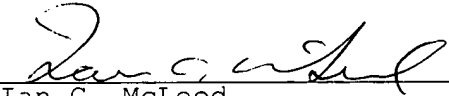
(5) Applicants have included the oil based adjuvants of Claims 42, 83 and 84 since these are conventionally used.

(6) Claim 45, which was incorrectly cancelled, has been presented as new Claim 109. Claims 53, 54 and 55 now depend upon Claim 109 rather than cancelled Claim 45.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attachment is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully,


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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Claims 53, 54 and 55 are amended as follows:

-53- (Amended)

1 The method of Claim 109 [45] wherein the
2 repellent [repellant] adjuvant is selected from the group
3 consisting of an aqueous solution of sodium methyl
4 siliconate and an aqueous solution of N-(2-aminoethyl)-3-
5 aminopropyltrimethoxysilane and methyltrimethoxysilane.

-54- (Amended)

1 The method of Claim 109 [45] wherein the
2 herbicide is selected from the group consisting of
3 acetanilides, acetamides, acetolactate synthase
4 inhibitors, isoxazoles, diketonitriles, triketonitriles
5 dinitroanilines, triazines, substituted ureas,
6 ethofumerates, isoxafen, oxodiazon, dithiopyr and
7 combinations thereof.

-55- (Amended)

1 The method of Claim 109 [45] wherein the
2 composition further comprises a safener.

Add the following new Claim 109.

-109- (New)

1 A method for applying one or more postemergence
2 herbicides for controlling weeds to a crop plant without
3 injuring the crop plant, the steps comprising:

4 (a) providing a composition comprising at least
5 one herbicide admixed with a repellent adjuvant wherein
6 the repellent adjuvant modifies surface properties of the
7 formulation thereby reducing retention of the formulation
8 on foliage of crop plants; and

9 (b) applying the formulation to the plants
10 wherein the formulation bounces off the foliage onto the
11 soil wherein the formulation controls the weeds without
12 injuring the crop plant.